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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OPIC OFFICER TO BLS

1. SUBJECT EMBASSY CONCURRENCE, OPIC INVESTMENT OFFICER TODD PARRELL, WHO HANDLES OPIC FINANCE PROGRAMS, INCLUDING PROMOTIONAL EFFORTS, IN BLS PLANS VISIT MASERU (AUG. 23-25), MBABANE (AUG. 26-29), AND GABORONE (AUG. 30-SEPT. 3). OBJECTIVES OF TRIP INCLUDE REVIEW OF CURRENT INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND PENDING PROJECTS, IDENTIFICATION OF POTENTIAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES, AND GENERAL REINFORCEMENT OF PREVIOUS OPIC INITIATIVES IN THE AREA.

2. LESOTHO - PARRELL MET RECENTLY WITH ROGER GURR, NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR, LNDC, AND BIRNEY STOKES, NEW CHARGE. GURR HAS OFFERED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH OPIC IN SELECTING SPECIFIC POTENTIAL INVESTMENT AREAS AND PROMOTING THESE OPPORTUNITIES TO THE U.S. BUSINESS COMMUNITY. HE WILL ARRANGE A NUMBER OF PRIVATE SECTOR CONTACTS. STOKES HAS OFFERED TO COORDINATE GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULE. APPRECIATE POST SUGGESTIONS AS TO APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS.

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PARRELL INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH MONYAKE, PERM. SECT.

PLANNING, WITH WHOM HE HAD DISCUSSIONS DURING JAN. VISIT TO
U.S. REQUEST EMBASSY CONFIRM ACCEPTABILITY OF DATES WITH
GURR.

3. SWAZILAND/BOTSWANA - INTERESTED IN MEETING DEVELOPMENT
BANK, PRIVATE SECTOR REPS AND TOURING THEIR OPERATIONS AS
WELL AS DISCUSSING OPIC PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES WITH
APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. APPRECIATE POST ASSIS-
TANCE IN DEVELOPING LIST OF POTENTIAL CONTACTS AND SITES TO
BE VISITED. KISSINGER

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